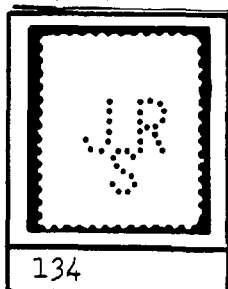
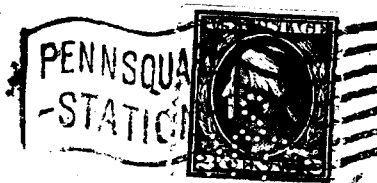


Chuck Spaulding (#2355)

Founded 1824
by
Jacob Reed

JACOB REED'S SONS
Philadelphia



The Catalog of United States Perfins reports that Jacob Reed Sons was the user of perfin pattern J134. The September 14, 1916, cover illustrated above shows that at that date the company was called "Jacob Reed's Sons." Is the original catalog listing an error or did the company change its name? I suspect that the company changed names since the back envelope flap, shown below, notes, "Founded 1824 by Jacob Reed". However, there was a lapse of 84 years between the company's founding and the introduction of perfins into the

United States. Hence, the name change probably occurred prior to 1908.

Bulletin Editor, John Lyding, noted that his April 30, 1917, Jacob Reed's Sons' cover is virtually identical to my cover. In any event, a photocopy of this cover has been forwarded to the US Catalog Editor to enable him to correct the catalog entry. If anyone has a Reed cover with a variety of the name, please send a copy to the US Catalog and *Bulletin* Editors.